

Amendments to the Specification

Please **add** the following **new** paragraph at page 1, line 2:

-- This application claims the benefit, under 35 U.S.C. § 365 of International Application PCT/EP03/07332, filed July 8, 2003, which was published in accordance with PCT Article 21(2) on February 12, 2004 in English and which claims the benefit of French patent application No. 0209786, filed July 24, 2002.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION --

Please **add** the following **new** paragraph at page 1, line 8:

-- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --

Please **add** the following **new** paragraph at page 3, line 9:

-- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --

Please **add** the following **new** paragraph at page 6, line 5:

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS --

Please **add** the following **new** paragraph at page 6, line 22:

-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF A PREFERRED EMBODIMENT --.